

## A Long Way Gone

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This is a book about a little boy who was involved in blood diamonds at age 12, his family got murdered because they didn't want to work for the ruf. He's in a group with kids who are running from the ruf. They had to scavenge through the towns to find food and supplies. They are constantly on the run from them. They have seen so many people die and get tortured. Sometimes they make the kids kill their parents and their family. The first time they kill someone they have to execute a group of civilians. This book helped me with my research a whole lot, it taught me a whole lot about what the children in sierra leone. They used the kids for a lot of cruel things, the girls would be raped and tortured, and the boys would have to work in the mines all day. The ruf were really heartless people, they would kill anyone they felt the need too. Millions of dollars are made each year off blood diamonds. The ruf makes a huge profit but the ones who make the most are the rich jewelers in big cities. This is still happening today, right now as you are reading this. A little boy like Ishmael is in sierra leone getting beaten and tortured for our diamonds.